

# **Kangaroo Island Catholic Community**

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# **EASTER SUNDAY - YEAR A**

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# **KANGAROO ISLAND CATHOLIC PARISH**

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#### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

Mrs Annette Roestenburg (8553 8281; rostie2@bigpond.com) (All items for the newsletter must be received no later than Wednesday evening.)

#### **MASS CENTRES**

- · KINGSCOTE: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Cnr Giles/Todd Sts Sunday - 9.30am
- PARNDANA: Uniting Church, Cook Street 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 4.00pm
- PENNESHAW: St Columba's Anglican Church, Cnr North Terrace and Fourth Street 1st Sunday - 2.00pm

#### **SPONSORSHIP**

KANGAROO ISLAND TRANSFERS (0427 887 575) generously donate transport for our visiting Priests.

#### **CHILD PROTECTION**

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



#### FIRST READING

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea: about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

# **SECOND READING**

Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

## **GOSPEL** John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved.

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# APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Josephine Bannan, Ray Bannan
Elizabeth Black, Wilma Buick, Karen
Cairney, Gwen Chalmers, Ambrose Clark,
Robert Clark, Francis Clarke, Catherine
Commerford, Sarah Cunningham, Jamie
Larcombe, Jimmy Dow, Tate Furniss,
Monika Gibbs, Mary O'Brien, Norah Ridge,
Verna Trethewey, Anne Wohling, Beryl
Williams, Albert Willson,
Keith 'Hoppy' Willson, and all the faithful
departed

# Prayers for the sick

Please pray for Eli Bellamarie, Jimmy Browne, Cath Cantlon, Maureen Dunn, Kathleen Feareer,

Charles and Sue Gorman, Tony Hodgens, Ashtenna Langridge, Elijah Laundy, Howie Laundy, Philip McDonald, Joelle Henderson, John Lavers, Peter Murray, Fr Frank Perry,Shari Pahl, Olivia Phelan, Jack Pitcher, Kingsley Pledge, Margaret Rich, Bill Roestenburg, Eddie Schneemild, Bernie Schulz, John Slagter, Sue Semler, Darren Smith, John Smith,

Linda Tippett, Peter Weatherstone, Doug Welzh and Robert Wilkinson.

May they know the healing love of Christ through our actions and His healing presence.

## PARISH NOTICES -16/04/17

- Thank you to Fr Peter for saying Mass for us today.
- 2. Next week there will be Mass with Fr Peter.

# **RENEWING PARISHES**

1.The parish understands itself as a community of disciples. It is a place of prayer and formation. The Second Vatican Council called us ALL to holiness.

Each one who is baptised has a gift of the Holy Spirit, given for the sake of all. Each one is different, but all are participants and involved in bringing the Gospel of joy to the world.

- ♦ From the above, what rings true for you?
- ♦ How can our parish be a place where we can learn to pray, to know and understand the Scriptures, and to use our gifts 'in the cause of the kingdom of God in our world'?

Do you have any thoughts or comments regarding this first of eight characteristics of Parish renewal? You may like to use the suggestion box at the back of the church to convey these.





#### THE EMPTY TOMB

Easter 2017

Believers and non-believers alike have been arguing about the resurrection since the day Jesus rose. What really happened? How was he raised from the dead? Did an actual dead body really come back to life and step out of the grave or was the resurrection a monumental life-changing event inside the consciousness of Jesus' followers? Or was the resurrection both, a real physical event and an event inside the consciousness of believers?

Obviously nobody was there to see what actually happened. Those who claimed Jesus was alive again didn't see him rise and emerge from the tomb, they met him only after he had already risen and, immediately, believers and sceptics began to divide from each other, persons who claimed to have touched him and persons who doubted that testimony.

There have been sceptics and believers ever since and no shortage of persons, professional theologians and non-scholarly Christians alike, who believe in the resurrection of Jesus as a faith event but not as a physical event, where an actual body came out of a grave. The faith event is what's important, they claim, and it is incidental whether or not Jesus' actual body came out of the grave.

Was Jesus' resurrection a faith event or a physical event? It was both. For Christians it is the most monumental event, faith and otherwise, in history. Two thousand subsequent years cannot be explained, except by the reality of the resurrection. To understand the resurrection of Jesus only as a literal fact, that his body rose from the grave, is to cut the resurrection off from much of its meaning. However, that being admitted, for Christians, the resurrection must also be a radically physical event. Why?

# Ron Rolheiser column

Ronald Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is president of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. He is a community-builder, lecturer and writer. His books are popular throughout the English-speaking world and his weekly column is carried by more than sixty newspapers worldwide.



First, because the Gospels are pretty clear in emphasizing that the tomb was empty and that the resurrected Jesus was more than a spirit or ghost. We see, for instance, in Luke's Gospel where Jesus invites a doubting Thomas to verify his physicality: "Look at my hands and my feet. It's really me. Touch me. You can see that I have a living body; a ghost does not have a body like this."

As well, and very importantly, to cut the resurrection off from the literal fact that there was real physical transformation of a once dead corpse is to rob it of some of its important meanings and perhaps of the deepest root of its credibility. For the resurrection of Christ to have full meaning it must, among other things, have been a brute physical fact. There needs to be an empty tomb and a dead body returned to life. Why?

Not as some kind of miracle proof, but because of the incarnation. To believe in the incarnation and not to believe in the radical physical character of the resurrection is a contradiction. We believe that in the incarnation the Word was made flesh. This takes the mystery of Christ and the reality of the resurrection out of the realm of pure spirit. The incarnation always connotes a reality that's radically physical, tangible, and touchable, like the old dictionary definition of matter as "something extended in space and having weight."

To believe in the incarnation is to believe that God was born into real physical flesh, lived in real physical flesh, died in real physical flesh, and rose in real physical flesh. To believe that the resurrection was only an event in the faith consciousness of the disciples, however real, rich, and radical that might be imagined, is to

rob the incarnation of its radical physical character and to fall into the kind of dualism that values spirit and denigrates the physical. Such a dualism devalues the incarnation and this impoverishes the meaning of the resurrection. If the resurrection is only a spiritual event then it is also only an anthropological one and not also a cosmic one. That's a way of saying that it's then an event only about human consciousness and not also about the cosmos.

But Jesus' resurrection isn't just something radically new in terms of human consciousness; it's also something that's radically new in terms of atoms and molecules. The resurrection rearranged hearts and minds, but it also rearranged atoms. Until Jesus' resurrection, dead bodies did not come back to life; they stayed dead, so when his came back to life there was something radically new both at the level of faith and at the level of the atoms and molecules. Precisely because of its brute physicality, Jesus' resurrection offers new hope to atoms as well as to people.

I believe that Jesus was raised from the dead, literally. I believe too that this event was, as the rich insights within contemporary theology point out, highly spiritual: an event of faith, of changed consciousness, of new hope empowering a new charity and a new forgiveness. But it was also an event of changed atoms and of a changed dead body. It was radically physical, just as are all events that are part of the incarnation wherein God takes on real flesh.

You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser's weekly columns from his website at: www.ronrolheiser.com

# REGULAR MASS TIMES IN OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES

#### **ALDINGA**

Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple cnr Quinliven and How Roads Saturday 5.30pm Tuesday 9.15am

#### **GOOLWA**

St John the Apostle, 10-14 Gardiner St Sunday 9.00am Wednesday 9.30am

#### **KINGSCOTE**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, cnr Todd and Giles Streets Sunday 9.30am

### **NOARLUNGA**

St Luke, the Evangelist,
cnr Honeypot Rd and Goldsmith Dve
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am

1st Sunday 11.00am (Spanish Mass)
2nd Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm
Monday 9.00am
Tuesday (2nd, 4th, 5th week) 9.00am
Tuesday (1st, 3rd week) 9.45am
Wednesday 7.30pm
Thursday 9.00am (St John's School)
Friday 10.00am

## **NORMANVILLE**

St Peter, Cape Jervis Road 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 10.30am 2nd, 4th Sundays 8.30am 1st Friday 6.00pm

## **PARNDANA**

2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 4.00pm

#### **PENNESHAW**

St Columba, North Terrace (shared with Anglicans) 1st Sunday 2.00pm

#### **SEAFORD**

Seaford Ecumenical Mission, Grand Bvd Sunday 10.45am Wednesday 9.00am

### **VICTOR HARBOR**

St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 11.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday (other than 1st) 9.00am
1st Friday 11.30am

## **WILLUNGA**

St Joseph, 12 St Judes Street 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 8.30am 2nd, 4th Sundays 10.30am Wednesday 9.00am Thursday 9.00am Friday 9.00am (Continued from page 1)

'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in: he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- The Easter Triduum (which means 'three days'), lasting from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday evening, is the climax of the Church's year.
- Holy Thursday is sometimes known as Maundy Thursday, a corruption of the Latin word for commandment, mandatum. This is to commemorate the 'new commandment' that Jesus gave his followers at the Last Supper: Love one another as I have loved you.
- Good Friday and Easter Saturday are the only days of the year on which Mass is not celebrated.

#### MAKING CONNECTIONS

- The cross and the paschal candle are the central symbols of these three days. Death is conquered in new life. The darkness of the tomb is conquered by the light of Christ. Much of this symbolism is present in the baptism ceremony of the Easter Vigil.
- 'There is no need for you to be afraid.' How have your fears been laid to rest with the events of this night?

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS (17 - 23 April)

- *Monday, 17:* Monday within the Octave of Easter (Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15)
- *Tuesday, 18:* Tuesday within the Octave of Easter (Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18)
- *Wednesday, 19:* Wednesday within the Octave of Easter (Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35)
- *Thursday, 20:* Thursday within the Octave of Easter (Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48)
- *Friday, 21:* Friday within the Octave of Easter (Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14)
- *Saturday, 22:* Saturday within the Octave of Easter (Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15)
- *Sunday 23:* Second Sunday of Easter (Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pet 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31)

